

the said board shall proceed to elect three persons, who shall be duly qualified voters living within the territory defined in section one, who shall constitute a "board of road commissioners" for said district; one of the said commissioners shall be elected for the term of two years; one of the said commissioners shall be elected for the term of four years, and one of said commissioners shall be elected for the term of six years, and they shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified as hereinafter prescribed. The said "board of road commissioners" is hereby made and created a body politic and corporate, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, shall have a corporate seal which they shall adopt, and shall be vested with such powers and duties as may be conferred by this act. The said "board of road commissioners" shall within ten days after their election meet, upon five days notice, to be given by the clerk of the board of county commissioners of Beaufort County, and shall proceed to elect one of their members as chairman of said "board of road commissioners." Said chairman shall preside at all meetings of said board. Said "board of road commissioners" shall also elect as treasurer and secretary some qualified voter residing within said district, who shall act as treasurer and secretary for said "board of road commissioners." Said "board of road commissioners" in said election need not be confined to one of their own body. Said secretary and treasurer, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall enter in a penal bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), which said bond shall be approved by the "board of road commissioners," said bond when so approved shall be registered by the register of deeds of Beaufort County, in the book of "Official Bonds" and filed in his office.

Term of office.

Board of road commissioners incorporated.

Corporate powers.

Meeting for organization.

Notice of meeting.

Election of chairman.

Treasurer and secretary.

Bond of secretary and treasurer.

SEC. 3. The board of county commissioners of Beaufort County shall at the same time they levy other taxes levy on the polls and property embraced in said district described in section one hereof, taxes as follows:

Levy of road tax.

1st. On all real and personal property in said district a tax not to exceed ten cents on the hundred dollars valuation of taxable property.

Property tax.

2d. On all polls residing in said district and outside of the corporate limits of the city of Washington, North Carolina, a tax not to exceed two dollars (\$2) on each poll annually.

Poll tax.

3d. That said "board of road commissioners," in lieu of said tax, may receive from any person liable therefor, four days of labor, and should any person residing within said territory or district fail to pay said poll tax or perform said labor in lieu thereof, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

Labor in payment of tax.

Failure to perform labor or pay tax a misdemeanor.

SEC. 4. That the treasurer of said "board of road commissioners" shall pay out the road funds belonging to said district, only

Orders on road funds.